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(Mr. Watterson in Courier Journal.) The attitude of neutrality adopted by the United States is not only eminently wise and proper, but it is supported by many considerations of public policy and self interest along with international comity and duty.

The popular sentiment of the country is almost a unit against the kaiser. But this does not imply any lack of good will for the Germans, or love for the English, or leaning to the French. It means first, that the kaiser could have averted the war and did not, and, second, that we are unalterably opposed to absolutism as represented by the governments both of Germany and Austria. It is well to keep this in mind.

England is the one country in the world which under any condition or circumstance might buck against us and give us the fight of our life, or a run for our money. There is not now, much, if any, menace in England's alliance with Japan. But if England should issue out of the war victor and undertake a pro-Japanese policy in the Orient—the substitution of Japan for Germany in Samoa, for example—right then and there we fight. Let there be no mistake on that point.

Lying alongside us is Canada. England could harass us on land as she undoubtedly would harass us at sea, especially if we acquire much of a merchant marine. Japan might easily become a pretext. If Germany comes out victor republicanism is arrested in Europe and imperiled everywhere. If the alliance wins we shall have doubly to look to our ships and our markets. In no event, therefore, can we hold ourselves indifferent.

We do not look, however, with apprehension on the future. We are the ascending, not on the descending scale of national development. The destiny of the United States of America will carry the American Union to a relation to the rest of the world not attained by Rome at the height of her prowess and glory.

No foreign power will be likely ever to risk a war with us. Indeed, the whole universe will be so weary, so worn out and sick of war at the end of this bloody conflict as will end the strife of nations for a century, if not for all time. Already men stand everywhere aghast.

Meanwhile we hold by our guns and keep our powder dry, ready for whatever emergencies arise. Our personal sympathies are quite as much with the German people—victims of arbitrary power—as with the English people and the French people, drawn into the war against their better judgment and their real wishes. But we are a nation aloof and apart.

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